

Minutes  
The City of Frederick  
Mayor and Board of Aldermen  
Business Meeting/Workshop

March 25, 2015  
3:00 p.m.  
Board Room – City Hall

- I. Mayor McClement called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance at 3:00 p.m. Present were Aldermen Kelly Russell, Michael O'Connor, Philip Dacey, Joshua Bokee, and Alderwoman Donna Kuzemchak.
- II. The March 11, 2015 Workshop Minutes were approved 5-0 on a motion by Alderwoman Kuzemchak which was seconded by Alderman Russell.

III. Business Meeting

**A. Release of Sureties**

1. Approval to release Frederick County Bank LOC in the amount of \$20,479.51 posted by Rafat and Manaz, LLC, to guarantee completion of improvements to Shiraz Plaza, further described in PWA dated 8/30/13.

*This item was approved 5-0 on a motion by Alderman Russell which was seconded by Alderwoman Kuzemchak.*

IV. Workshop

Item 1: Katie Barkdoll, Director of Budget and Purchasing and Mayor McClement presented the Mayor's proposed Fiscal Year 2016 Budget.

Public comments were received.

V. Elected Officials' Comments

Alderman O'Connor said that he is looking forward to diving into the budget. He said that this is one of the most interesting processes that they go through as elected officials and probably the most important. He mentioned the hard work done by staff over the last several years to get the information out well in advance of the decisions needing to be made so that all factors can be a part of the process. He said he looks forward to engaging in an enlightening and vigorous process in fiscal year 2016.

Alderman Russell wished everyone Happy Maryland Day. She also thanked everyone for their hard work in putting the budget together and said she is looking forward to collaboration over the next couple of

months. She encouraged the public to give feedback and reiterated the need to hear what residents have to say about budget and promised the Board would do the best they could.

Alderman Dacey commented that the Department of Transportation released the highway fatality rates for 2014. He said that the state has seen the lowest fatality rates this past year, including pedestrians and bicyclists since 1948. He said we had 442 fatalities this year, which is down over 200 since 2006 when there were 651. He stated that Law enforcement, education, and emergency services play a key role as do the decisions we make as a legislative body. He commended the progress.

Mayor McClement mentioned the arrest of two suspects involved in the Frederick High School shooting and thanked all of the law enforcement agencies for their work.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:48 p.m.